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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : William S. Bess, Neema Kulkarni, Suhas H. Ambike and Michael P. Ramsay

Serial No. : 09/535,005

Art Unit : 1623

Filed : March 23, 2000

Examiner: E. Peselev

Title : FAST DISSOLVING ORALLY CONSUMABLE FILMS CONTAINING AN ION
EXCHANGE RESIN AS A TASTE MASKING AGENT

Date : October 10, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir,

This is a response to the final office action dated April 10, 2002 and is timely due to the Petition for a Three Month Extension of Time submitted in Applicants' submission dated October 9, 2002. Should an additional fee be due please charge Deposit Account Number 23-0455. In view of the following remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. A consumable film adapted to adhere to and dissolve in a mouth of a consumer, wherein said film comprises at least one water soluble polymer, at least one pharmaceutically active agent and at least one taste masking agent, wherein said at least one taste masking agent is selected from the group consisting of a magnesium